

Remarks

Rejection of claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The claims were rejected based on what the Examiner determined to be an incongruity between the preambles of independent claims 1 and 7 and the elements of the invention recited in claims 1 and 7, respectively. The preambles of claims 1 and 7 are hereby amended to remove any possible ambiguity.

Applicants believe that the rejection in the Office action has been overcome by the amendments and remarks above. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this matter.

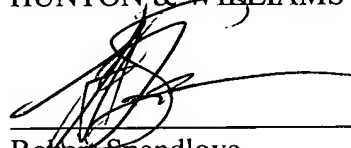
If there are any questions concerning this Response, Applicants would welcome a telephone call or interview with the undersigned Applicants' representative.

Per 37 C.F.R § 1.17(a), please charge **\$110.00** to Deposit Account No. **50-0206** for the one-month extension of time fee due. No additional fees are believed to be due in conjunction with this response. However, if any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to debit those fees from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,
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